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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL MEETING

February 16, 1918

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Committee on Annual Meeting met on Saturday, February 16, 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m., at No. 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

Present:

Mr. JAMES BROWN SCOTT, *Chairman.*
Mr. CHARLES NOBLE GREGORY
Mr. CHARLES CHENEY HYDE
Mr. JACKSON H. RALSTON

The CHAIRMAN laid before the Committee his correspondence with the President of the Society, and stated orally the result of conversations with other officers, concerning the meeting of the Society as a demonstration of its faith in international law proposed by the Committee at its meeting on February 2. From the correspondence and conversations it appeared to be the view of the officers of the Society that it is doubtful whether such a meeting as that proposed should be attempted, on the ground that it would divert attention from the main purpose of winning the war and that its purpose might be misinterpreted should the discussion touch upon terms of peace before the war is won.

After careful consideration of these views and discussion of what ought to be done under the circumstances, the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

> *Resolved,* That the Committee on Annual Meeting decides to abandon the usual public meeting of the Society this year, but that in substitution of the usual public meeting of the Society the Committee recommends that a meeting of the Executive Council be held in Washington, D. C., at No. 2 Jackson Place, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, April 27, 1918, for the transaction of such business as may be decided upon.
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> *Resolved further,* That the President of the Society be requested to appoint a small committee to make a tentative draft of a public statement as to the status of international law, to be submitted to the meeting of the Executive Council for discussion and such action as that meeting may approve.

Whereupon, the Committee adjourned.

JAMES BROWN SCOTT,
Chairman.